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Camp near Corinth Miss. May 29th 1862

My very negligent Cousin, why have you not written to me, what can be the trouble, has my way of saying things, become distasteful to you, have you concluded to drop the correspondence without so much as hinting the same to me, does not your conscience trouble you, do you not have terrible dreams because of such neglect to me? It has now been over a month since I have had a letter from you, why it is, I cannot tell, but shall expect to know sometime, if I live. We are now within three miles of Corinth, and have been fighting or rather skirmishing almost all the time, day and night, for a week. We are in harsh expectation of a general engagement along our entire lines. I was out yesterday and day before, in command of a company, we had an interesting time.

skirmishing with Rebel pickets. My
command behaved very gallantly, when-
ever a Rebel showed his head from behind
a tree, he was greeted with a bullet. Since
we have approached so near them, I feel
certain an engagement must follow
very soon, or else they must evacuate or
surrender. The enemy are deserting in
numbers daily, their army will soon
be frittered away at the rates they
have been leaving daily. Still, I
think they will give us battle and
fight desperately too, but I have
no doubts as to our success, though
many will doubtless fall. I have
not time to write more. Will
you write to me any more?
My love to all.

Your affectionate Cousin
Wm McKim